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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

All claims are presented below with the respective status of each claim shown in parentheses after the claim number. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, i.e., insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text (e.g., ~~deletions~~).

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→ 1-37. (Withdrawn)

38. (Amended) An online product auction system comprising an auction center, said auction center includes a microprocessor operably connected to a storage media, said product auction system comprising:

a minimum bid value;

a first bid data for a first product, said first bid data includes a first bid and a second bid, said second bid is at least as large as said first bid, and said first bid is selectable from a range of values bounded by and including said minimum bid value and said second bid;

a second bid data for said first product, said second bid data includes a third bid and a fourth bid, said fourth bid is at least as large as said third bid, and said third bid is selectable from a range of values bounded by and including said minimum bid value and said fourth bid; and

a bid processing module which calculates a high bid for said first product.

39. (Original) The auction system as defined in Claim 38, wherein said bid processing module further comprises:

a first calculation mode which calculates said high bid for said first product when said product auction system is in a first state; and

a second calculation mode which calculates said high bid for said first product when said product auction system is in a second state.

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40. (Amended) An online product auction system comprising an auction center, said auction center includes a microprocessor operably connected to a storage media, said product auction system comprising:

a minimum bid value;

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a current high bid for a first product, said current high bid is associated with a first bid data wherein said first bid data includes a first bid and a second bid, said second bid is at least as large as said first bid, and said first bid is selectable from a range of values bounded by and including said minimum bid value and said second bid;

a second bid data for said said first product, said second bid data includes a third bid and a fourth bid, said fourth bid is at least as large as said third bid, and said third bid is selectable from a range of values bounded by and including said minimum bid value and said fourth bid;

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